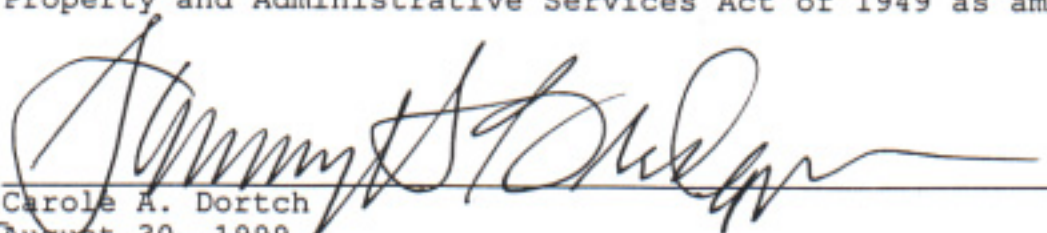


Rationale for Decision:

1. As part of GSA's environmental review, GSA conducted extensive public scoping with the local community to identify potential impacts and concerns that would result from proceeding with the proposed disposal action.
2. Issues that were identified by the community through Public Meetings and correspondence and were addressed in both the Draft and the Final Environmental Impact Statements released for public comment and review. Issues were addressed in the NEPA documents and all comments and GSA responses are incorporated into the documents as part of the official record.
3. GSA consulted with other government agencies including local, State, and Federal Agencies, to solicit their input on the proposed disposal. All issues identified and responses provided are presented in the Draft and Final documents.
4. The development of proposed reuses for the Volunteer property enabled potential uses to be identified and impacts to be analyzed. The EIS process provided a tool by which potential impacts were identified and mitigation measures developed. No significant impacts to the natural or human environment were identified from this proposed disposal action.
5. Potential impacts have been identified and mitigation measures selected that will minimize the impacts from this disposal action. GSA has consulted with other Agencies in the development of mitigation measures. GSA will institute the identified mitigation measures and will consult with other Agencies to insure that mitigation measures are implemented.
6. Should potentially significant impacts be later identified that may reach significant levels, GSA will prepare supplementary documentation as mitigation as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

Therefore, having given consideration to all of the factors discovered during the 12 month environmental review process, it is GSA's decision to proceed with the Proposed Action: Disposal of the Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant based on the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 as amended.



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